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E. C. WOOLDRIDGE.

MR. ELLYSON

Declares Prospects for Demo-

cratic Victory Are Very

Bright.

IS CHARMED WITH PARKER

After Visit to Esopus Is More

Than Ever Pleased With

the Nominee.

teeman from Virginia, returned yester-

chairman and the hope he has long en-tertained concerning the Democratic na-tional situation has about turned to con-

Looks Like Victory.

J. H. COPENHAVER

WAS FOUND GUILTY

Contrary to Judge's Instruc-

tions and Will be Set

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WINCHESTER, VA., July 28.-Joseph H. Copenhaver, who has been on trial a

Berryville since Tuesday for the murder

of his wife on April 17th last, was found

guilty this afternoon by the jury, who

fixed his punishment at twelve years in

the penitentiary. Counsel for the defense

immediately made a motion for a new

trial. Arguments on the motion will be

made to-night before Judge Harrison, but

the general concensus of opinion to-night

verdict set aside anyway, as being con-

In his charge to the jury, Judge Harri

son stated that if the jury believed the

prisoner same at the time of the crime

and that he killed his wife without any

provocation, then they must find a verdict

other hand, if the jury believed that the

prisoner was insens at the time of the killing, they must not find him guilty. The yerdict, contrary to these instructions, will: it is believed, form the basis for setting the yerdict aside.

trary to the law and evidence,

Aside.

IS HOPEFUL

RICHMOND, VA., FRIDAY, JULY 29, 1904.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather,
ASHINGTON, July 28.—Forecast for lay and Saturday;
Inginia—Showers and thunderstorms lay; Saturday fair with rising temporations; light south winds.

orth Carolina—Showers and thunderms Friday and Saturday; light, vari-winds.

The morning yesterday was clear, a shower fell in the early afternoon, while the afternoon was for the most part overcast.

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Richmond.

State Chairman J. Taylor Ellyson returns from delightful visit to Judge Parker and talks untiringly of Democratic hopes and Democratic victory, while charmed with the host of Rosemont—Edgar Allan, Jr., nominated for Congress by the Williams-Allan-Russell faction of the Third, District Republicans—New publication of the Central Y. M. C. A. sets forth the immense amount of workeing done by that organization—Generous residents come to the aid of Mrs. Tyler and her blind children—Jury in the Goode murder case discharged, and judge has venire summoned from elsewhere, despairing of finding a jury in this City—Governor returns from King William Courthouse, where he spoke yesterday at unveiling of soldiers monument; his Excellency leaves to-day for Lake George, N. Y., where he will Join wife and daughter—Governor have to day for Lake George, N. Y., where he will Join wife and daughter—Governor summon of the stretcharged with sticking pen knife into a Buckroe Beach.—Man found on the stretcharged will sticking pen knife into a borse—Drunken man stumbles Into wrong residence and frightens ladies by drawning pistol—Teamster hauls hundreds of tons of asphalt blocks in a few days.

Wirginia.

The Jury in the Wooldridge trial unable to agree and were discharged; they stood

Wedding—Personals and Briefs.

Virginia.

The jury in the Wooldridge trial unable to agree and were discharged; they stood nine to three for conviction; Mr. Hubard keeps up the bigh standard of oratory displayed by his predecessors—A little girl stands on a writhing rattlesnaße at Rocky Mount, Va., holding it still until succor came—A boilermaker at Newport News stabbed by a boy—J H. Copenhaver found gulity at Berryville of wife murder, but verdict will be set aside—A negro kills his fellow-iaborer in Princess Anne with an axe—Joint debate in Petersburg between Southall and Yarrel—Frankiln county Republicans elect delegates to district convention at Stuart—John E, Eanes dies at Rosnoke from injuries received while playing base-ball—Edwin L. Parrish, of Lynchburg, found dead by the railroad track at Charlottes-ville—Ashland's public school teachers for the next session chosen—Pledmont Association of Disciples opens at Gordons-ville—Norfolk Chamber of Commerca saks State Board of Trade to proceed against the railroads to secure the correcement of the car service rules as to interstate commerce—Petersburg Council new illustrated hand book of city issued under auspices of Chamber of Commerce—Yardmaster at Crewe killed by the Vard engine—Conductor Carnshan on the Virginia and Southwestern Railroad kills negro who attacked him.

North Carolina.

Sons of prominent Durham people shot while raiding a watermelon patch—Corporation Commission makes interesting report on property valuation—Democratic headquarters open at Raleigh; Francis D. Winston, candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, to assist Chairman Simonos in preparing a Democratic handbook—Six white men escape from the jail at Hendersonville—Strong pleas for Breeze in his trial at Charlotte,

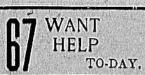
General

General. General.

Ginister of the Interior Von Plehve ssassinated in St. Petersburg; bomb exploded with terrific force, killing states an and coachman and injuring several thers; assassination believed to be outome of widespread piot—Butchers' trike spread out and railronds are now volved; another effort to secure peace; trikers willing to concede important oint—Lieutenant James Wilkinson lement, of the United States battleship carsarge, dies in Trieste—Lightning lils two horses at Brighton Beach and units a third—Husband who left home any years ago responds to summon and Clement, of the United States battleship Kearsarge, dies in Trieste—Lightning kills two horses at Brighton Beach and stunts a third—Husband who left home many years ago responds to summon and finds wife on death bed—Enemies blow up house of man in Reading, Pa., and kill sleeper—New York priest has desperate fight on window ledge with mad woman who would commit suicide—Germany and Russia sign commercial treaty—Sensational report that Kuropatkin has been desperately wounded comes from several sources; Russians retire from Ta Tche Kiao after putting torch to town; Oku makes full report of recent battle near Ta Tche Kiao; Japs lost 600 men in the fight; European crisis has passed and amicable adjustment is now almost certain; report that Pacific mail steamer Korea had been selzed proves to be incorroct; United States sends proiest to Russia, but is moving very carefully; Premier Balfour says all danger of clash with Russia has been averted—Fire in Florida does \$100,000 damage—President Roosevelt refuses to allow new postoffice to be named after Vardamam—Southern negroes taken to Newport, R. I., for meonlight clambake on August 18th—Mysterious murder of young Southerner in New York city—Mayor McClellan to pay his first visit to Judge Parker to-day—New England enters doubtful column, and Democrats will make big fight for headway in this section—Republicans to emphasize money question in the campaign.

FIRE IN FLORIDA

DOES \$100,000 DAMAGE
OMEGA, FLA. July 28.—Fire in the
saw and planing mills of Squire and Son
here to-day resulted in the loss of properry visualed at \$1,30.00. The planing mill,
dry-kiln and a large quantity of lum
ber in the yards were burned. By hard
work the saw-mill building was saved,
It is impossible to-night to ascertain the
amount of the insurance.



The 67 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 8 are as follows:

2 Domostics. 2 Teachers.

50 Trades. 8 Miscellaneous.

5 Agents.

NO VERDICT REACHED IN WOOLDRIDGE CASE

The Jury Utterly Unable to Agree.

THE GREAT MYSTERY REMAINS UNSOLVED

Nine Were for Conviction and Three Were for Ac-

CONGRESSMAN FLOOD

SPOKE FIVE HOURS

Edward W. Hubard Makes the Closing Argument for Prosecution and Occupied Entire Morning-Like All the Others, Was a Mag-

nificent Speech.

After a trial lasting through nearly two hundreds of speeches made, thousands of dollars spent, and myriad of conjecwealth against E. C. Wooldridge upon th the estate of the late John S. Forbes is as great a mystery as ever, and his

A Hung Jury.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon the jury, which had listened to the evidence of the case with the utmost diligence since the 18th of July, when the court convened, came into the court room after three hours' deliberation in the jury room, and, the state of hours' deliberation in the jury room, and through their foreman, Mr. David L. Jones, of Arvonia, Va., stated that they had concluded that they could not agree.

So satisfied were they of this fact that they stated plainly and unmistakably to the judge that he might keep them together for another day, if he so desired; or he might keep them together for another week, or even until Christmas, and yet they would never he able to come to any positive agreement.

The jury stood nine for conviction and three for acquittal. Those for acquittal were G. W. Moss, of Shepherds, Va.; Leon R. Pollard, of Shepherds,

result would be a conviction, and early this afternoon there were hundreds upon

Magnificent Speech. Mr. Edmond W. Hubard made the clos noon. He held the closest attention of

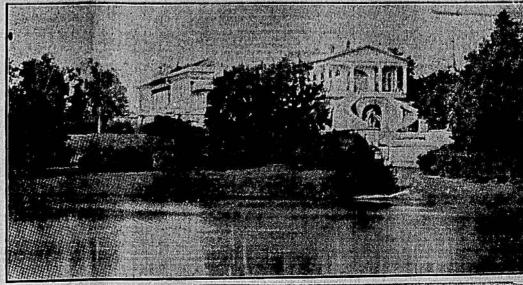
discussing the probability of Juage Parter's election. But this feeling was by no means confined to New York. Mr. Elly. In made the most of his trip'and used every effort to get at the true situation in other States, usually classed as doubtful. He declares that the result of his inquiries on this line was of the most flattering nature.

In discussing the State campaign, Mr. Ellyson said it would not be formally opened before about September 1st. Meanwhile, he will decide upon a date for the meeting of the State Committee and make up his new executive committee. noon. He held the closest attention of the jury and of a vast crowd of people. It would be hardly doing the speech justice to say it was a great one; in many respects it was magnificent.

The speaker, who is always a man of eloquence and of force, was in the best of trim, his voice was strong, his intonation clear, and his argument was a well-nigh perfect one from all lawyers' standpoint. He took the case from its very begin-

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MINISTER VON PLEHVE AND THE PALACE OF PETERHOF



ENSHRINED IN MARBLE

King William Unveils Beautiful Statue-Monument to Her Soldier Dead.

ADDRESS OF MR. BRAXTON

Distinguished Son of the County Eulogizes the Men and Women of Dixie.

KING WILLIAM C. H., VA., July 28 inhabitants being gathered in the beautiful statue-monume within the sound of the cloquen Hon. Allen Caperton Braxton, the favor



MISS JESSIE CARTER LEWIS,

The monliment was unveiled just before noon by little Miss Jessie Carter Lewis, daughter of Commonwealth's Attorney Herbert I. Lewis, assisted by a bevy of dainty little malds, clad all in white. As the veil fell from the efficy of the typical Confederate soldier, the old "rebel yell" went up with thousand-throated volume.

The unveiling of the monument was no the only feature of the memorable day Indeed, it was but one of many, for the (Continued on Fifth Page.)



Long Awaited Assault on Port Russia Grants All Demands Arthur in Progress and Peaceful Issue Is Now. Expected.

CRISIS HAS PASSED

Communicates With St. Peters-

burg, But Moving Very

Cautiously,

Knight Commander by the Russian Vlad-

ivostok squadron, has passed. Russia has conceded practically all the British gov

ernment has asked for and everything

can now be cleared up by negotiations,

provided, of course, there are no more

There are a number of points upon which

are not loaded with warlike possibilities. No more British steamers will be search-

od and seized by merchant ships posing as crusers and no more British ships will be sunk by Russian warsips because they are suspected of carrying contrabrand.

ATTACK HAS BEGUN;

KUROPATKIN IS WOUNDED PROTEST OF UNCLE SAM

Report Comes From Several Ouarters, But Is Not Confirmed.

LONDON, July 29.-Special dispatches from Shanghai and Yokohoma report that a general gun. A report that General Kuropatkin is wounded, which is appearing in various quarters seems to have originated at Tien Tsin, but it is not confirmed from any reliable source.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch, Copyright, 1904.) LONDON, July 28.—News from the seat

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LONDON, July 28.—News from the seat
of war is rather meagre to-day. There is
yet no official confirmation of the report that General Kuropatkin has been
seriously wounded during the recent
fighting, but it comes unofficially from
several sources, and has been received
here with considerable credence. The
report that the Japanese have taken
Hal-Cheng, the Russlans having fallen
back on Liao Yang also lacks confirmation, and is helleved by experts to be
premature. The appearance of the Rugsian Vladivostok fleet off the entrance of
Liu-Shoten-Strait, apparently for the
purpose of lying in wait for vessels bound
to Kobe is regarded by naval men as a
rather risky piece of business.

The Japanese, it is held could readily
send a force of destroyers and fast
gruisers through the inland sea and might
make a successful attack on the Russians. Something of this sort is rather
expected here. There is an absolute
dearth of news from Port Arthur, and
so far as the outside world is concerned,
nothing is known of the operations there,
if either the Japanese or the Russlan
government have received any news of
importance, they have kept it to themselves. The impression here is that
Oyama has withdrawn all the troops
which could be spared from Port Arthur
to assist in the more important work of
crushing Kuropatkin and that until the
face of the Russian army in the north
is decided, nothing will be done in the
south.

TOWNS IN FLAMES.

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Sends Note to Russian Govern-Russians Retire From Ta Tche ment, But Is Moving Very Kiao, Destroying Property Circumspectly. as They Go.

(By Associated Press.).
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 28.—The
State Department has addressed itself (By Associated Pross)
TOKIO, July 28-3 P. M.---The Russians
abandoned Ta Tche Klao at noon Mon-(Continued on Seventh Page.)

UNCLE SAM KICKS.

FELL BY HAND OF ASSASSIN

Von Plehve, the Russian Minister. Slain.

WILD EXCITEMENT IN ST. PETERSBURG

Terrific Explosion Kills Statesman and Driver and Injures Score of Others.

SAID TO BE OUTCOME OF WIDESPREAD PLOT

Assassin Is Under Arrest, Along With Others Said to be Implicated-The Emperor Was Much Affected by the News-Minister of Justice Stoned.

(By Associated Press,) ST. PETERSBURG, July 28-10:55 A. M. Minister of the Interior von Piehve was o the Baltic station to visit the Pelerhof,

d and maddened horses dashed wildly away with the front of the carriage, the only portion of the vehicle remaining

Widespread Plot; Assassin Arrested.

The assassination is believed to be the utcome of a widespread plot. Numerous arrests have already been made, including the is now in a hospital, severely and

great loss of life.

The assassin wore a brown overcost and a rallroad official's cap. He stood on the sidewalk just as Minister von Piehve's carriage was about to cross the canal bridge near the station. The minister was escorted by a number of detectives on bicycles, and one of them jostled the assassin, who then rushed into the road and threw the bomb after the carriage. The missile struck the hind wheel and exploded with fearful force, killing or wounding over a score of persons. Minister von Pleive and his coachman were killed ouright, and an officer of the guard was fatally injured.

were killed outright, and an outriguard was fatally injured.
One of the cyclist detectives arrested the assassin, who endeavored to escape, though wounded by splintors in the face, arm and abdomen. He made no attempt arm and abdomen, when selzed by

Terrific Explosion.

The police, immediately after the cx-

The explosive is believed to have been composed of pyroxylin, as it gave off little smoke. The force of the explosion was so terrific that it not only broke every window within a radius of half a mile, but reduced the heavy paving stones

every window within a radius of half a mile, but reduced the heavy paving stones to powder, heaved up the pavement, and flung a heavy plece of the iron work of the carriago across the canal, severing the thick mast of a barge, which fell, stunning the captain of the barge. Everybody in the street was knocked down and more or less bruised.

When the officers of the law, headed by Minister of Justice Muravieff, had terminated the mocessary formalities by drawing up a written report of the crime, the mangled remains of the minister of the interior were conveyed to a humble chappel adjoining the station, the windows of which miraculously escaped. The priests and people, with characteristic Russian piety, at once joined in a solemn requiem. The square in front of the station was filled with a reverent crowd of peasants and laborers, and the busy hum of traffic was silenced. A priest litted up his voice and proclaimed: "The estrant memory of the departed servant Wenceslas," while all those in the congregation dropped to their knees.

Service at the Residence.

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they are suspected of carrying contra-brand;

The action of the British government has mer with popular approval in the con-duct of this affair. It is realized that Great Britain as the greatest sea power in the world, both in the way of peace and war, had to be careful in making her contention lest she take a stand which would react against herself should she become engaged in war. The government has adhered strictly to the well-establish-ed rules of international law and the fact that Russia has accepted her main con-tentions is taken to indicate that wisdom guided the course of the government. There is a great feeling of relief in busi-noss and financial circles now that the crisis has passed. A no less impressive service was con-ducted at the minister's stately residence ducted at the which only intimate A no less impressive service was conducted at the minister's stately residence this evening to which only intimate friends were invited by M. von Plehve's assistant, M. Durnovo, who is itemporarily in charge of the ministry of the interior. The magnificent statycase and the reception rooms were draped by black. The body of the ministry was completely covered by a white shroud which concealed the ghastly mutilation. It reposed in a black and silver casket in a corner of the vast hall surrounded by luxuriant palms. Gendarmic and non-commissioned officers stood sentinel at the head of the 'asket, while at its foot were two high officials of the ministry. The hall and the adjoining rooms, which are decorated in the Hysantine style, somewhat resembling a church, were crowded with distinguished personages, including Grand Duke Alexis, the high admiratly Prince Hilkoff, minister of railroads; Minister von Plehve's associates, M. Wahle, M. Durnovo and M. Sevastianoff, and the members of the diplomatic corps in full force, including Spencer Eddy, American charge d'affairs Sir Charles Hardings, the British ambasness and financial circles now that the crisis has passed.

The tragic death of M. Von Piehve has deeply shocked England. It is feared that the act of the assassin means an increase in the harshness with which the disastisfied elements will be treated throughout the Empire. The King and Mr. Balfour have sent messages of condelence. The assassination is taken to be an indication of the demoralized condition of the Russian Empira and in combination with the effect of the Russo-Japanese war, it is thought to be probable that there will be forced before very long very radical administrative reforms in Russia.

ANOTHER COAL MUTILATED BODY FOUND IN A CREEK STRIKE POSSIBLE

Mysterious Murder of Young Southerner in New York City.

NEW YORK July 28 -A few hours after NEW YORK, July 28.—A few hours after the discovery in West Chester Creek to-day of the body of Joseph T. Hammett, a private of the Eightieth Regiment. United States army, stationed at Fort Schuyler, Corporal Richard M. Spencer, of the same company, was placed under arrest. The nature of several wounds on the body indicates that Hammett was murdered.

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According to the officers of the regiment, both men were members of wealthy Southern families and close friends. Hammett, the officers said, was a son of a wealthy planter of Nashville, Tenn. Spencer is said to be the son, of a wealthy Kentuckian. The two men had been much in each other's company during their two years' service in the regiment. Spencer was detained awaiting action by the coroner. He is not charged with the murder, but is held in connection with the case. When examined by the coroner Spencer said that on Monday, in fight he and Hammett were, drinking together in a West Chester saloon. Finally, he said, Hammett left the room, accompanied by a woman. Spencer declared he drank a few minutes longer and then returned to the fort. He emphatically asserted his innocence of the crime, but said little with reference to the case.

About Seventy-five Thousand Men May be Ordered Out

on Monday,

SCRANTON, PA., July 28 .- There is grave fear that the executive board of District No. 1, United Mine Workers'

will order a strike involving approximately 75,000 men when it meets in special session here next Monday to consider the question of the refusal of the coal companies to deduct check weightmen's

The fear of a strike is heightened by the action of the Scranton Coal Company, to-day, in falling to make the deductions, when paying at several of its colleries. The Scranton Coal Company agreed to make the deductions after Umpire Carroll D. Wright in a letter to District President Nicholls advised that the deductions should be made,

If the strike is ordered it will probable affect the whole anthracite region as the companies seem to be combined in resisting the demand, claiming it is tantamount to a recognition of the union.